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Dr. Pallavi Patel
College of Health Care Sciences

Physician Assistant

Jacksonville

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION
ENTERING CLASS 2019



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY—synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge—is the **second largest**, private, nonprofit university in the Southeast and **1 out of only 361 colleges and universities** nationally selected for the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification. Situated on a beautiful, 314-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the university is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the university is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has **more than 183,000 alumni** and current enrollment of **nearly 21,000 students**. Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the university awards bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees, as well as certificates in a wide range of fields including the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The university's degree programs are administered through academic units that offer courses at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, as well as at NSU's regional campuses, located in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach, and Tampa, Florida, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. NSU also has active distance education programs offered at instructional sites in 12 U.S. states, including Florida, in Puerto Rico, and in 4 countries.



FORT LAUDERDALE/DAVIE CAMPUS

THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION (HPD), with a student body of nearly 8,000, is home to eight colleges. Located on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, it occupies a \$70-million complex, covering 21 acres. It includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. Several of the HPD programs are also located at our regional campuses in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach, and Tampa, Florida, as well as in San Juan, Puerto Rico. These campuses extend our programs and resources to various communities. They offer you the ability to complete a degree at a location that may be more convenient to your home.

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NSU MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Nova Southeastern University, a private, not-for-profit institution, is to offer a diverse array of innovative academic programs that complement on-campus educational opportunities and resources with accessible, distance-learning programs to foster academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, leadership, research, and commitment to community through engagement of students and faculty members in a dynamic, lifelong learning environment.



Letter from the Interim HPD Chancellor

NSU's Health Professions Division (HPD) is playing a pivotal role in leading the university to new levels of excellence. The division comprises eight distinctive colleges—osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, medical sciences, dental

medicine, health care sciences, nursing, and allopathic medicine—that offer more than 60 degree and certificate programs.

We have seen the university reach many milestones recently. In September 2017, NSU received the largest philanthropic gift in its history from physicians Dr. Kiran C. Patel, M.D., and his wife, Dr. Pallavi Patel, M.D., which included a \$50-million gift and an additional \$150-million real estate and facility investment in Clearwater, Florida.

Then, in January 2018, the Patels provided additional gifts totaling close to \$30 million, while a substantial contribution from longtime donors Ron and Kathy Assaf resulted in new HPD enhancements. The altruistic trend continued in February 2018, when a significant gift from Martin and Gail Press resulted in the renaming of the HPD Library.

In October 2017, our allopathic medicine college received preliminary accreditation. As a result, the college gained approval to begin interviewing and accepting its inaugural class of 50 students in August 2018. Finally, construction commenced on the HCA East Florida hospital that will be located on NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus.

These exciting developments will ensure that our students receive a well-rounded education at an academic institution that prides itself on being dynamic, innovative, and interprofessional in its academic approach.

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Irving Rosenbaum, D.P.A., Ed.D., M.P.A.
Interim Health Professions Division Chancellor

Health Professions Division Degree Programs

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]
- Master of Public Health [M.P.H.]
- Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics [M.S.]
- Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management [M.S.]
- Master of Science in Medical Education [M.S.]
- Master of Science in Nutrition [M.S.]
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health [B.S.]
- Graduate Certificate in Emergency Medicine
- Graduate Certificate in Functional Nutrition and Herbal Therapy
- Graduate Certificate in Health Education
- Graduate Certificate in Medical Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Social Medicine

College of Pharmacy

- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Affairs [M.S.]
- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences [M.S.]
 - Concentration in Drug Development [Pharmaceutics]
 - Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
 - Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy
- Doctor of Pharmacy [Pharm.D.]
- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences [Ph.D.]
 - Concentration in Drug Development [Pharmaceutics]
 - Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
 - Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy

College of Optometry

- Doctor of Optometry [O.D.]
- Master of Science in Clinical Vision Research [M.S.]
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Vision Research

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography [B.S.]
- Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science [B.S.]
- Bachelor of Health Science [B.H.Sc.]
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography [B.S.]
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy [B.S.]
- Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders [B.S.]
- Master of Science in Anesthesia [M.S.]
- Master of Science in Athletic Training [M.S.A.T.]
- Master of Health Science [M.H.Sc.]
- Master of Occupational Therapy [M.O.T.]
- Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant [M.M.S.]
- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology [M.S.]
- Doctor of Audiology [Au.D.]
- Doctor of Health Science [D.H.Sc.]
- Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science [Ph.D.]
- Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy [O.T.D.]
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy [Dr.O.T.]
- Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy [Ph.D.]
- Doctor of Physical Therapy [D.P.T.]
 - Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy [D.P.T.]
 - Postprofessional Doctor of Physical Therapy: Transition [D.P.T.]
- Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy [Ph.D.]
- Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology [SLP.D.]
- Certificate in Audiologist Assistant
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Associate
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Trial Manager

College of Medical Sciences

- Master of Biomedical Sciences [M.B.S.]

College of Dental Medicine

- Doctor of Dental Medicine [D.M.D.]
- Master of Science in Dentistry [M.S.]
- Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Endodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Operative Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Postgraduate Certificate in Orthodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Periodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Prosthodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Special Needs Dentistry

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing [B.S.N.]
 - Entry Nursing
 - R.N. to B.S.N.
 - R.N. to M.S.N.
- Master of Science in Nursing [M.S.N.]
 - R.N. to M.S.N.
 - M.S.N. Clinical Concentrations
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
 - M.S.N. Nonclinical Concentrations
 - Executive Nurse Leadership
 - Nursing Education
 - Nursing Informatics
- Doctor of Nursing Practice [D.N.P.]
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing [Ph.D.]
- Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Post-Master's Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

- Doctor of Medicine [M.D.]

Dual Degrees

- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography [B.S.] and Master of Health Science [M.H.Sc.]
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography [B.S.] and Master of Health Science [M.H.Sc.]
- Master of Health Science [M.H.Sc.]/Doctor of Health Science [D.H.Sc.]
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health [B.S.]/Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]/Doctor of Dental Medicine [D.M.D.]

Concurrent Degrees

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]/Master of Science in Medical Education [M.S.]
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]/Master of Public Health [M.P.H.]
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics [M.S.]
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]/Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management [M.S.]
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.]/Master of Science in Nutrition [M.S.]
- Doctor of Pharmacy [Pharm.D.]/Master of Business Administration [M.B.A.]
- Doctor of Pharmacy [Pharm.D.]/Master of Public Health [M.P.H.]
- Doctor of Pharmacy [Pharm.D.]/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics [M.S.]
- Doctor of Optometry [O.D.]/Master of Public Health [M.P.H.]
- Doctor of Audiology [Au.D.]/Master of Business Administration [M.B.A.]
- Master of Medical Science [M.M.S.]/Master of Public Health [M.P.H.]
- Doctor of Dental Medicine [D.M.D.]/Master of Public Health [M.P.H.]
- Doctor of Dental Medicine [D.M.D.]/Master of Business Administration [M.B.A.]



Letter from the Dean

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY'S Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences provides the highest quality of education to students in a variety of health care disciplines, including occupational, physical, and respiratory therapy; physician assistant; audiology; medical and cardiovascular sonography; anesthesiologist assistant; speech-language pathology; athletic training; exercise and sport science; and health sciences. We offer entry-level programs to advanced health care studies that allow professionals to continue with their lifelong learning. The cutting-edge curricula offered in our programs will help our students gain future success in their fields.

The college is committed to providing health care educational opportunities in formats that meet the needs of prospective students in the community. These formats include both the standard, face-to-face classroom approach and innovative distance electronics. By combining the most contemporary teaching modalities with state-of-the-art technology, our students are assured of obtaining the most comprehensive education possible.

The Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences believes in excellence and innovation in teaching, research, service, and learning. This is made possible by having an academically skilled and professionally qualified faculty and staff. We have diverse faculty members. They come from different backgrounds, have different degrees, and possess a wide range of educational experiences. Our faculty members are eager to share their knowledge of and expertise in the health care arena with their students. We also have an open door policy that encourages students to seek answers to their questions, allowing them to develop a solid understanding of the materials that they study.

All of these opportunities make the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences truly unique. The health care market is undergoing a rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide the educational programs for future health care professionals. We are proud of the fact that we are training our students to become skilled and compassionate health care providers who are certain to make valuable contributions to the communities they serve. If you wish to become a graduate who is adequately prepared to assume a leadership role in health care, I encourage you to apply to our programs.

Stanley Wilson, Ed.D., PT, CEAS

Dean, Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

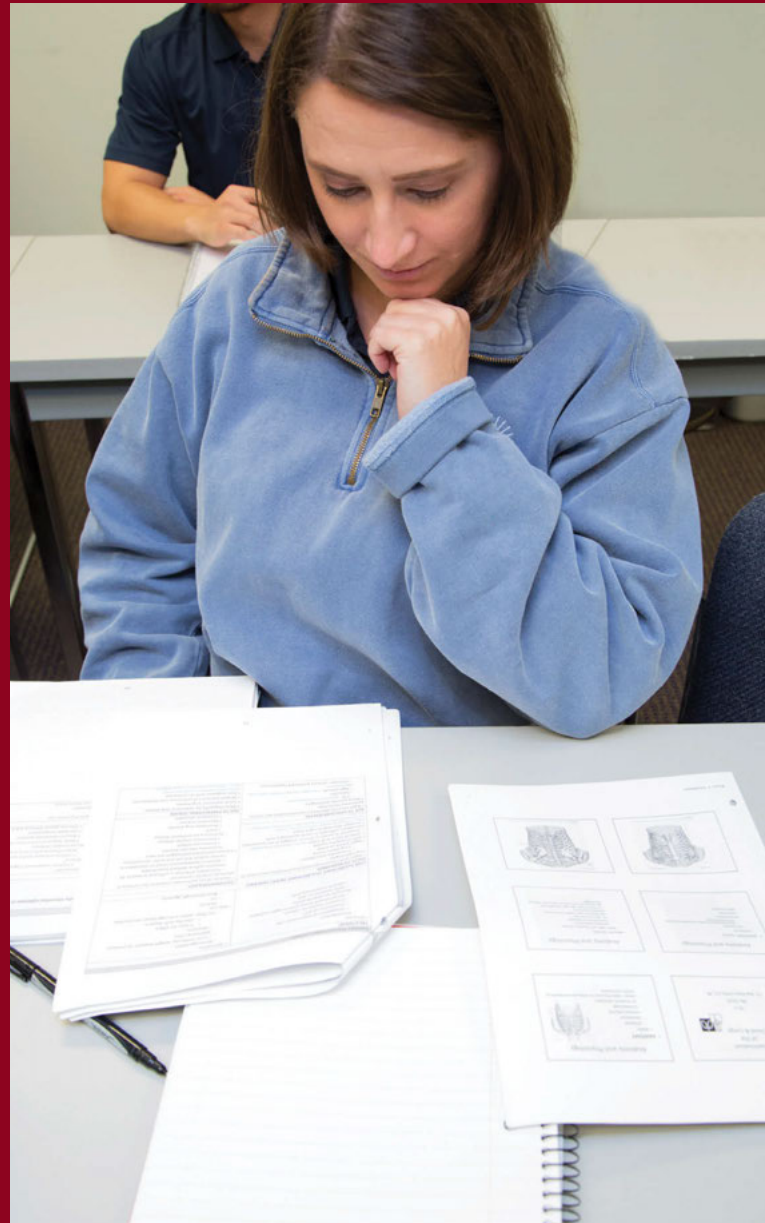
Physician Assistants

Extending the Health Care Team

THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSION was born at Duke University in the mid-1960s and was conceptualized by Eugene A. Stead, Jr., M.D. At this time, there was a lack of primary care providers, especially in certain areas. Stead, along with many other physicians and educators, realized the need for a new medical professional who would work in collaboration with physicians. These professionals were called Physician Assistants [PAs].

Today, according to the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, there are more than 100,000 nationally certified physician assistants. Under the supervision of a physician, PAs practice medicine and provide health care to patients. Some PA duties include taking medical histories, performing physical examinations, ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests, diagnosing and treating illnesses, performing health maintenance screenings, performing medical/surgical procedures, assisting in surgeries, and writing prescriptions.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics [BLS], U.S. Department of Labor, as published in the 2017 *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, employment of PAs is expected to grow 37 percent from 2016 to 2026. This “much faster than average” growth of the PA profession reflects the increasing need for primary health care providers and PAs resulting from increasing numbers of physicians entering specialty areas of medicine, a growing and aging population, an increase in the number of individuals with access to health insurance, and the cost-effectiveness of physician assistants.



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COURSE OF STUDY

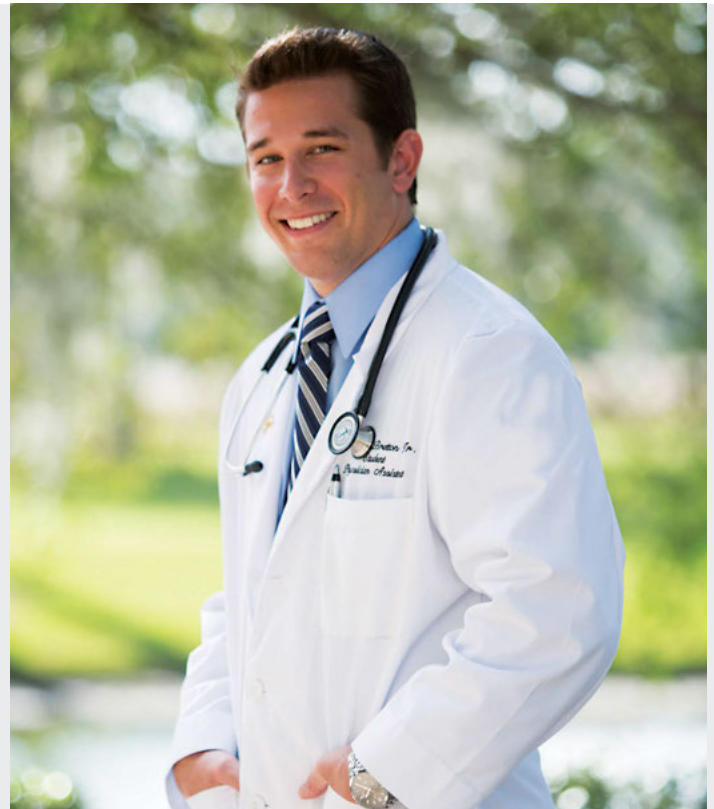
THE CURRICULUM for the Physician Assistant Program—Jacksonville is comprehensive and completed in a consecutive manner. It is oriented to primary care and prepares the student to practice in a wide variety of clinical settings.

Due to the highly integrated and compact curriculum, the department requires matriculants to complete the entire program at the regional campus in Jacksonville.

There are two parts to the program. The first 15 months are considered the didactic year and the last 12 months are considered the clinical year. The first 15 months of study consist of basic sciences and clinically related didactic courses. The course delivery is taught utilizing a lecture format. The curriculum content is organized using a systems approach. All didactic courses are required and must be successfully completed before advancing to the clinical year. Students are generally in class from Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., although, there are occasional evening and/or weekend hours.

The clinical year is devoted to 12 months of clinical training with required, six-week clinical rotations in family medicine, emergency medicine, pediatrics, prenatal care/gynecology, general surgery, internal medicine, behavioral medicine, and one elective. Following the completion of all rotations, there is a four-week preceptorship coordinated and scheduled by the clinical team as the students' last clinical rotation. All clinical rotations are assigned by the clinical team. Clinical rotation sites are mainly in the Jacksonville area; however, students will also be required to travel to sites outside of the Jacksonville area.

Each required rotation has assigned readings and learning objectives. At the end of each required rotation, a written comprehensive subject examination is administered and must be passed. During rotations, students will be supervised by licensed practitioners and will actively partici-



pate in patient assessments, perform common laboratory procedures, participate in surgeries, interpret common diagnostic examinations, and help manage common medical problems.

Attendance hours during clinical rotations are set by the preceptor and can include evening and weekend hours. Students are required to work a minimum of 40 hours per week. Many rotation sites require students to work more hours per week.

Upon completion of the course of study, students will have earned a Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant [M.M.S.] degree.

The PA Department is also pleased to offer an M.M.S. /M.P.H. Concurrent Degree Program providing an opportunity for students to attain a Master of Public Health degree in addition to the entry-level Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant degree. Information regarding this opportunity can be reviewed at the following website: <http://healthsciences.nova.edu/pa/pamph.html>.

NSU Physician Assistant Program Jacksonville

Vision

Our vision is to be recognized as a preeminent PA education program, which offers student-centered education that produces compassionate and competent health care providers.

Mission

Our mission is to prepare physician assistant students to provide high-quality, patient-centered care.

Core Values: DICE

Diversity
Integrity
Community
Excellence



ACCREDITATIONS

PA programs are accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants (ARC-PA), Inc. The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted **Accreditation—Continued** status to the **Nova Southeastern University—Jacksonville Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by Nova Southeastern University—Jacksonville. Accreditation—Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA *Standards*.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the *Standards*. The approximate date for the next validation review [formerly known as the comprehensive review] of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2025. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation *Standards* and ARC-PA policy.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nova Southeastern University.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances (e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, and Title IX), it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University not to engage in any discrimination or harassment against any individuals because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU admits students of any race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU, and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Curriculum Outline • Master of Medical Science

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Start Date: May

Length: 27 months

Degree: Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.)
in Physician Assistant

Didactic: 15 Months

Clinical: 12 Months

First Semester: Summer I (May–August)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	LECTURE	LAB	CREDIT HOURS
PAJ 5506	Cultural Issues in Health Care	14	0	1
PAJ 5000	Anatomy	46	38	4
PAJ 5001	Pharmacodynamics	14	0	1
PAJ 5002	Introduction to the PA Profession	14	0	1
PAJ 5003	Fundamentals of Medical Imaging	14	0	1
PAJ 5401	Medical Terminology	0	50	2
PAJ 5100	Physiology	44	0	3
PAJ 5300	Physical Diagnosis I	42	26	4
TOTAL HOURS		188	114	17

Second Semester: Fall (August–December)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	LECTURE	LAB	CREDIT HOURS
PAJ 5504	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care	27	0	2
PAJ 5006	Electrocardiography	16	2	1
PAJ 5101	Clinical Pathophysiology I	18	0	1
PAJ 5200	Microbiology	45	0	3
PAJ 5310	Physical Diagnosis II	26	22	3
PAJ 5410	Pharmacology I	26	0	2
PAJ 5500	Clinical Medicine and Surgery I	112	0	8
PAJ 5600	Clinical Laboratory Medicine I	16	0	1
TOTAL HOURS		286	24	21

Curriculum is subject to change as directed by the department.

Third Semester: Winter (January–May)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	LECTURE	LAB	CREDIT HOURS
PAJ 5102	Clinical Pathophysiology II	26	0	2
PAJ 5320	Physical Diagnosis III	40	25	4
PAJ 5420	Pharmacology II	54	0	4
PAJ 5510	Clinical Medicine and Surgery II	112	0	8
PAJ 5520	Clinical Medicine and Surgery III	112	0	8
PAJ 5540	Clinical Behavioral Medicine	42	0	3
PAJ 5610	Clinical Laboratory Medicine II	28	0	2
TOTAL HOURS		414	25	31

Fourth Semester: Summer II (Advanced Didactic; May–August)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	LECTURE	LAB	CREDIT HOURS
PAJ 5507	Clinical Pharmacology	40	0	3
PAJ 5508	Complementary Medicine and Nutrition	28	0	2
PAJ 5512	Epidemiology/Interpretation of the Medical Literature	38	0	3
PAJ 5560	Life Support Procedures and Skills	24	20	2
PAJ 5008	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	30	0	2
PAJ 5009	PA and Health Care Dynamics	26	0	2
PAJ 5570	Clinical Procedures and Surgical Skills	48	30	4
PAJ 5005	Clinical Genetics	22	0	2
TOTAL HOURS		256	50	20

Clinical Curriculum: Second Year (August–August)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	WEEKS	LAB	CREDIT HOURS
PAJ 6310	Emergency Medicine	6	240	6
PAJ 6320	Family Medicine	6	240	6
PAJ 6330	Internal Medicine	6	240	6
PAJ 6340	Pediatrics	6	240	6
PAJ 6350	Prenatal Care and Gynecology	6	240	6
PAJ 6360	General Surgery	6	240	6
PAJ 6375	Behavioral Medicine	6	240	6
PAJ 6600	Graduate Project	0	45	3
	Elective	6	240	6
	Preceptorship	4	160	4
TOTAL HOURS		52	2,125	55

Admissions Requirements

Prospective students are selected by the Committee on Admissions (COA), which considers the overall qualities of the applicant. Areas of consideration include interpersonal skills, personal motivation, knowledge and understanding of the Physician Assistant (PA) profession, academic performance and level of achievement, life experiences, quality and length of prior health care experience, and recommendations/evaluations.

1. Prior to matriculation, applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum cumulative science GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale at the time of application and must maintain that GPA through matriculation. Successful applicants in the past have typically had cumulative grade point averages in the range of 3.3 to 3.5 and higher.

The NSU Physician Assistant Program—Jacksonville does not grant advanced standing to matriculants who hold an advanced degree. All matriculants must complete the entire curriculum.

2. The college requires the students to earn a grade of C (2.0) or better in each of the following required courses:

Course	Semester Hours
• College math	3
• English composition	3
• English course	3
• Humanities/arts	3
• Social sciences	9
• General biology (or zoology) including laboratory	4
• Microbiology including laboratory	4
• Chemistry I with laboratory	4
• Chemistry II with laboratory	4
• Human anatomy*	3
• Human physiology*	3
• Biochemistry	3
• Human genetics	3
• Medical terminology	1

In order to be considered for the May entering class, all science prerequisites must be completed by the end of fall semester

prior to matriculation. In addition, all nonscience prerequisites must be completed prior to matriculation. If, at the time of application, coursework is in progress or anticipated, please identify these courses on the supplemental application. Applicants who have completed all prerequisite coursework will be favored for early interview invitations.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their elective coursework in the areas of behavioral, physical, and social sciences or the humanities. Upon review of a student's record, the Committee on Admissions may require additional coursework and testing as a condition of acceptance.

Recommended courses

Course	Semester Hours
• Biochemistry laboratory	1
• Organic chemistry and laboratory	4
• Anatomy laboratory	1
• Physiology laboratory	1
• Introduction to statistics	3

*If you take the combination class of Human Anatomy and Physiology I (A&P I), then you must complete the sequence by taking Human Anatomy and Physiology II (A&P II).

3. In addition to completion of all required prerequisite coursework, graduates of foreign institutions where English is not the primary language of instruction must present transcripts showing at least 18 semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of study from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States.

Of these 18 semester hours

- 3 semester hours must be in English composition (courses do not include ESOL)
- 3 semester hours must be in English literature (courses do not include ESOL)
- 3 semester hours must be in public speaking (courses do not include ESOL)

The remaining 9 semester hours can be any missing prerequisites or upper-division science courses of the applicant's choosing (excluding physical education).

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4. All applicants are required to submit official scores from the Graduate Record Examination [GRE] general test to the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants [CASPA]. Official GRE test scores are valid for a maximum of five years following the date you took the test. Applications will not be considered without official GRE scores. Successful applicants in the past have typically had scores in the verbal and in the quantitative sections both in the 40th percentile or above and in the analytical section of 4.0 and above.

Testing information for the GRE may be obtained from gre.org or by telephoning (609) 921-9000.

- **NSU Jacksonville GRE School: 0952**
- GRE Deadline: January 15

5. All students are required to have a laptop computer and printer.

The computer must have the following minimum specifications:

- combo DVD and RW drive
- sound capability and speakers
- Internet connection with private Internet service provider (ISP) for universal access to the Internet
- wireless capability
- printer
- webcam (internal or attached)

The following are recommended features:

- Intel Core i5 or i7 processor
- 4GB RAM (upgradeable to 6GB or more)
- 250 GB hard disk or larger (7200 RPM)
- Windows 7, SP1 or higher OR Mac OS X 10.6 or Mac OS X 10.7
- Microsoft Office 2007 with PowerPoint, Word, and Excel minimum
- surge suppressor electrical outlet
- flash drive



Background Checks

Admitted students are required to obtain background checks, as per the adopted policy of April 22, 2005. When requested, admitted students will be referred to the appropriate agency by the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants [CASPA]. Students may also be required by the NSU Health Professions Division [HPD] to obtain background checks—or authorize clinical training facilities, where appropriate, to conduct checks—and to permit the results of the consumer reporting agency to be provided to the NSU HPD and/or the clinical training facilities. If a background check reveals information of concern that the NSU HPD may deem unfavorable, the NSU HPD will provide the accepted applicant or enrolled student with the Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and a copy of the report and request that the student provide a detailed written explanation of the information contained in the report, along with appropriate documentation (e.g., police reports). This information must be returned to the NSU HPD within 10 business days of the date the communication is sent, unless another date is specified by the NSU HPD in its communication with the student.

Offers of admission will not be considered final until the completion of the background check with results deemed favorable. If information received indicates that the student has provided false or misleading statements, has omitted required information, or in any way is unable to meet the requirements for completion of the program, then admission may be denied or rescinded, the student may be disciplined or dismissed, or the student's enrollment may be terminated.

Following initial background checks, students will be asked annually to provide certification relating to any convictions, guilty pleas, or no contest pleas to any criminal offense, other than traffic violations.

Application Procedures

The CASPA application may be submitted as early as April of the year prior to the matriculation.

1. Apply to CASPA. The Physician Assistant Program participates in the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants [CASPA] for the receipt and processing of all applications. CASPA takes no part in the selection of students. CASPA application packets may be obtained and submitted

- online at portal.caspaonline.org/applicants16/index.cgi
- by writing: CASPA
P.O. Box 9108
Watertown, Massachusetts 02471
- by calling CASPA at (617) 612-2080

Questions regarding completion of the online application may be directed to CASPA's email address at apply@caspaonline.org or by calling them. The CASPA application deadline, in order to be considered for admission in May, is December 1.

2. Send supporting documents to CASPA.

- All official college transcripts from all undergraduate, graduate, and professional institutions attended must be sent to CASPA directly from the institutions.

Coursework taken at foreign institutions must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization, such as one of the services listed.

World Education Services, Inc.

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New York, New York 10274-5087
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Miami, Florida 33173
(305) 273-1616 • (305) 273-1338 fax
jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators

P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400 • ece.org

It is the applicant's responsibility to have this coursework evaluated. An official course-by-course evaluation with a cumulative grade point average must be sent directly from the evaluation service to NSU's Enrollment Processing Services.



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- Send two letters of recommendation.
 - one letter from a physician assistant
 - one letter from a health care professional such as a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, physical therapist, or occupational therapist

Recommendations submitted by relatives, personal health care providers, family, or personal friends of the family are not acceptable.

- Send GRE score.

Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores must be submitted directly to CASPA.

Your GRE test scores must be less than five years old and must be taken early enough for official scores to be received by the supplemental application deadline.

The school code number for NSU's PA—Jacksonville Program is 0952.

3. Once the CASPA application has been received by Nova Southeastern University, a supplemental application will be available online. You must submit a nonrefundable, \$50 application fee with your application.

In order to be considered for the May entering class, supplemental applications must be received by January 15. Applications are reviewed upon receipt of all required documents by the deadline. At minimum, the following must be received:

- CASPA application
- official GRE scores
- NSU supplemental application and \$50, nonrefundable application fee

Personal Interviews

Personal interviews are offered to the most-qualified applicants to assess interpersonal and communication skills, maturity, altruistic attitude, and commitment to the PA profession. Interviews are conducted at the NSU Jacksonville Campus during the months of September through February. Personal interviews are by invitation only. An invitation to interview is not a guarantee of admission.

Application Withdrawal

If, at any time, you wish to withdraw your application from consideration, please do so in writing. Please direct this correspondence to

Nova Southeastern University Jacksonville Campus
Physician Assistant Admissions
Fax: (904) 245-8932
Email: kandee.griffith@nova.edu

Transcripts

All applicants who are accepted must submit official transcripts of all completed coursework and courses in progress at the time of application. All transcripts should be sent to the following address:

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services
College of Health Care Sciences
Physician Assistant Admissions
3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Transcripts can be sent electronically from the originating college/university to the following address: **electronictranscripts@nova.edu**.



Additional Sources of Information

For more information on applying to the NSU Jacksonville PA Program, contact

Admissions Counselor
Physician Assistant Program
6675 Corporate Center Parkway, Suite 112
Jacksonville, Florida 32216-8080

infopajax@nova.edu

(904) 245-8913

nova.edu/pa/jacksonville

Disclaimer: Links to non-NSU Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement.

- For information on a career as a physician assistant, contact

American Academy of Physician Assistants
Information Center
2318 Mill Road, Suite 1300
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-6833

aapa.org

- For a list of accredited programs and a catalog of individual physician assistant training programs, contact

Physician Assistant Education Association
655 K Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20001-2385

paeonline.org

- For eligibility requirements and a description of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination, contact

National Commission on Certification of
Physician Assistants
12000 Findley Road, Suite 100
Johns Creek, Georgia 30097-1409

nccpa.net

- For information on employment, employment projections, and compensation statistics, contact

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Postal Square Building
2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20212-0001

<http://stats.bls.gov>



Articulation Agreement and Student Housing



Florida State College at Jacksonville Articulation Agreement

The NSU Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Services has established an articulation agreement with Florida State College at Jacksonville for a select number of highly motivated, qualified students interested in pursuing professional studies in the Physician Assistant program.

Applicants must maintain a cumulative 3.0 grade point average and a cumulative science GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during the undergraduate years and achieve competitive scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

The students will apply for admission to the PA program via CASPA. All academic transcripts, prescribed letters of recommendation, and GRE scores must be received by NSU's Office of Admissions by the posted deadlines. Personal interviews are offered to the most qualified applicants to assess interpersonal and communications skills, maturity, altruistic attitude, and commitment to the PA profession. There is no guarantee of automatic admission to the PA program.

For information and requirements, contact Florida State College at Jacksonville at (904) 632-3089 or at 501 West State Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

STUDENT HOUSING

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY—Jacksonville does not offer on-campus housing. However, numerous apartments, condominiums, and other rental facilities are located near the campus. Information about housing can be obtained by contacting

Admissions Counselor

Physician Assistant Program—Jacksonville
6675 Corporate Center Parkway, Suite 112
Jacksonville, Florida 32216-8080

(904) 245-8913



Tuition and Fees



Tuition for 2019–2020 will be posted on our website (<http://healthsciences.nova.edu/pa/jacksonville/faq.html>).

A Health Professions Division general access fee of \$145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of \$1,350 is also required annually. A clinical support charge of \$400 will be assessed in each of the three semesters of clinical training. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

- 1. Acceptance Fee—\$500.** This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant's place in the entering first-year class, but is not refundable or transferable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant's acceptance.
- 2. Deposit—\$500.** This is due February 15, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

The first semester's tuition and fees, less the \$1,000 previously paid, are due on or before registration day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate registration day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their training at the college is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing 27 months of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

Each student is required to carry adequate personal medical insurance. Students may avail themselves of the medical insurance plan obtainable through the university.

Expenses and Financial Aid

STUDENTS SHOULD anticipate spending approximately \$19,000 per year for living expenses. In addition, students should anticipate spending approximately \$6,000 for books and equipment during the 27-month program.

The primary financial responsibility for a student's education rests with the student and his or her family. Economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The purpose of the Student Financial Assistance Program at NSU is to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their health professions education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the

high cost of a health professions education. These financial assistance programs are described in a variety of separate university publications.

For information on financial assistance, contact

Office of Student Financial Assistance
Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796

[954] 262-3380 • 800-806-3680

Due to the demands of the program curriculum, the program strongly discourages any outside employment.



Physician Assistant Technical Standards

APPLICANTS FOR, and students enrolled in, physician assistant programs must have abilities and skills in the areas of observation, communication, motor, intellectual/critical thinking, interpersonal, and behavioral/social attributes. Reasonable accommodation for individuals with documented disabilities will be considered on an individual basis. Students wishing to request accommodations for disabilities should review the information at nova.edu/disabilityservices/ and contact the Health Professions Division (HPD) coordinator.



Observation

Applicants and students must have sufficient capacity to observe in the classroom, laboratory, and diagnostic and treatment areas of inpatient and outpatient settings. Sensory skills to perform the procedures typically provided by physician assistants in both primary care and medical specialties are required. In any case where an applicant's or student's ability to observe or acquire information through sensory modalities is compromised, the applicant or student must demonstrate alternative means and/or abilities to acquire and demonstrate the essential information conveyed in this fashion.

Communication

Applicants and students must be able to communicate effectively in both academic and health care settings. Applicants and students must show evidence of effective written and oral communication skills. Applicants and students must be able to effectively communicate with patients in order to elicit and impart information.

Motor

The ability to participate in basic diagnostic and therapeutic maneuvers and procedures is required. Applicants and students must have sufficient motor function to execute movements reasonably required to properly care for all patients. Applicants and students must be able to perform motor functions with or without assistive devices.



Intellectual

Applicants and students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, and synthesize. Problem solving, one of the critical skills demanded of health care professionals, requires all of these intellectual abilities. Applicants and students must be able to read and understand medical literature. In order to complete the physician assistant program, students must be able to demonstrate mastery of these skills and the ability to use them together in a timely fashion in health care problem-solving and patient care.

Interpersonal, Behavioral, and Social

Applicants and students in physician assistant programs must possess the emotional health and stability required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, and the prompt completion of all patient-care responsibilities. The development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients, families, and other members of the health care team is essential. The abilities to function in the face of uncertainties in clinical practice and display flexibility, compassion, integrity, motivation, interpersonal skills, and concern for others are all required.





STUDENTS ARE provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student [all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office]. Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a \$100 late fee.



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